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CRUSHED BY COVID, JAPAN PM HANGS UP HIS BOOTS

After a turbulent term of less than one year, Yoshihide Suga said he will not contest his party's forthcoming leadership election

DECISION TO HOLD OLYMPICS PROVED COSTLY

The announcement came as his approval ratings dropped to an all-time low due to his failure to control the pandemic. His decision to host the Olympics amid the pandemic was also unpopular. "Working on Covid countermeasures and election activities requires tremendous energy, so I decided I cannot work on both and should choose one of them," Suga said

MANY CONTENDERS FOR THE TOP POST

- Two ex-ministers in Shinzo Abe's government – Fumio Kishida and Sanae Takaichi – have emerged as potential candidates. Current Vaccinations Minister Taro Kono is also in the fray
- Suga took over as the Prime Minister of Japan after Abe resigned due to health reasons in September 2020

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WHEN THE RULING L.D.P. WILL HOLD AN ELECTION TO PICK ITS PRESIDENT

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SC collegium OKs about 70 names for HC vacancies

They include reiteration of recommendation to govt for elevation of 12 to five high courts

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

IN a record of its sorts, a three-member Supreme Court collegium led by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana recommended 68 names for appointments as judges to various high courts, 44 of whom are lawyers and 24 judicial officers.

The onus is now on the Centre to clear them expeditiously. It had shown rare alacrity in approving the appointment of nine judges to the Supreme Court days after a five-member collegium made that recommendation.

According to the collegium resolutions uploaded on the official SC website, four advocates were recommended each for Kerala and Madras high courts, 13 lawyers and three judicial officers to Allahabad High Court, three judicial officers and three lawyers to the Rajasthan High Court, four judicial officers and two advocates to Calcutta High Court, one lawyer and five judicial officer to the Jharkhand High Court.

The collegium also reiterated its recommendations for appointing nine lawyers as judges at Rajasthan, Calcutta, J&K and Karnataka high courts, and three judicial officers to the Allahabad High Court.

The collegium tried to balance the gender ratio by recommending at least 10 women as judges to various high courts. At present, in the 25 high courts, there is a vacancy of 465 judges. The highest vacancy is at the Allahabad High Court, which is functioning with just 50% judges at present.

According to sources, the collegium also recommended a woman judicial officer belonging to Scheduled Tribe, Marli Vankung, as judge of the Gauhati High Court.

She would be the first-ever high court judge from Mizoram if the Centre approves her candidature. However, the collegium resolution on this recommendation hasn't been made public yet.

The collegium sought further details about 16 candidates whose names were considered at its meetings.

Three more medals for India

It was an excellent day for India at the Tokyo Paralympics as three of the country's athletes won medals on Friday to take the overall tally to 13. A look at the stars of the day...

HARVINDER SINGH

Recurve archer Harvinder Singh gave India its first Paralympic medal in archery after beating Korea's Kim Min Su 6-5 in the bronze medal match. When Harvinder was just 18 months old, he had dengue. A local doctor administered him an injection that had an adverse effect on his legs.

AVANI LEKHARA

Having already won gold in the 10m air rifle SH1 event, Avani Lekhara added to her glittering tally with a bronze in the women's 50m air rifle 3 positions SH1 event. She has become the first Indian woman to win multiple medals from a Paralympic Games. Avani has been wheelchair-bound since a road accident in 2012.

PRAVEEN KUMAR

Praveen Kumar recorded a jump of 2.07m to win a silver medal in the men's high jump T64 category. The 18-year-old, whose one leg was short since birth, has broken the Asian record with his medal-winning jump.

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HC says dissent a democratic right

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Delhi High Court on Friday held that expressing dissent is one of the fundamental rights in a democracy and the sole act of protesting should not be employed as a weapon to justify the incarceration of those exercising the right. The court made the observation while granting bail to five persons who were arrested for being part of an anti-CAA protest in February 2020, during which Delhi Police head constable Ratan Lal allegedly sustained fatal injuries.

While granting bail to accused Mohd Arif, Shadab Ahmad, Furkan, Suvaleen and Tabassum, Justice Subramonium Prasad said every member of the unlawful assembly cannot be booked under murder charges. "The applicability of Section 149 IPC, specifically read with Section 302, cannot be done on the basis of vague evidence and general allegations. When there is a crowd involved, at the juncture of grant or denial of bail, the court must hesitate before arriving at the conclusion that every member of the unlawful assembly inhabits a common intention to accomplish the unlawful common object," the court said.

UP toll crosses 100, outbreak of scrub typhus suspected

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WITH the toll of the mystery fever stalking Uttar Pradesh crossing 100 and its geographical footprint expanding, what was thought to be viral fever and/or dengue, got a new nomenclature: scrub typhus. While a visiting ICMR team did not find any trace of Covid, experts suspect the outbreak of the vector borne scrub typhus bacterial disease. During the last 24 hours, hundreds of patients with dengue and viral fever-like symptoms have thronged hospitals across Lucknow. The symptoms for the current outbreak include fever with cold, congestion and drop in platelet count.

Firozabad district continues to be its epicentre with around 75 deaths, many of them children. Also, 17 deaths have been reported in Mathura, three in Mainpuri and two in Kasganj. In Kanpur district, the disease killed about 10 people in the last one week.

FULL REPORT: P10

Mysuru Dasara to be low-key this year too

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE famous Mysuru Dasara will be low-key this year too because of the Covid pandemic, but all the traditions will be followed during the festivities, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai here on Friday.

Like last year, this year too, the Jumboo Savari — the procession of elephants with the lead pachyderm carrying the golden howdah – will be held inside the Mysuru Palace premises, decided the Mysuru Dasara High Powered Committee.

After the committee meeting, the chief minister said the 10-day festivities will be inaugurated at Chamundi Temple on top of Chamundi Hills. But the decision on the dignitary to inaugurate the Dasara will be taken in the coming days, he added. The palace and the city will be lit up in the evening on all days.

Rs 6 crore will be allocated for Dasara festivities in Mysuru and Srirangapatna, the CM said.

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MARKET SURGE

SENSEX, NIFTY HIT LIFETIME HIGHS

The Equity benchmark settled 277.41 points, or 0.48 per cent, up at its lifetime closing high of 58,129.95 for the first time on Friday, driven by gains in Reliance Industries. Similarly, Nifty advanced 89.45 points, or 0.52 per cent, to its all-time closing peak of 17,323.60 | P17

JAB-O-METER — TAKE YOUR SHOT

September 2: 64,70,901 doses
September 3: 51,88,894 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 67,65,00,301

NATIONWIDE	SEPT 02	SEPT 03
Fresh cases	47,092	45,352
Recoveries	35,181	34,791
Deaths	509	366

KARNATAKA	SEPT 02	SEPT 03
Fresh cases	1,240	1,220
Recoveries	1,252	1,175
Deaths	22	19

EXPRESS READ

Man alleges missing wife has terror links

Mangaluru: A man from Belthangady taluk in Dakshina Kannada district has accused his wife of having links with a terror outfit, and filed a complaint with the police seeking an investigation. P7

Girl raped in Mysuru, accused arrested

Mysuru: In another incident of sexual assault in Mysuru, a man barged into the Holy Cross Study House in RS Naidu Nagar on Friday, and allegedly raped a student. Police arrested the accused, who is known to the victim, within hours. P5

Chain-snatcher targets cop, caught

Mysuru: Alert passersby caught a chain-snatcher who had targeted a police head constable on Thursday night. However, people criticised the victim for not registering a complaint so far. P5

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Sri Basavaraja S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Hon'ble Minister for Labour, Sri Arabail Shivaram Hebbar distributing dry ration kits to Labourers affected during COVID-19 lockdown

KARMIKA ADALAT

The Department of Labour is conducting 'KARMIKA ADALAT' throughout the State to resolve the grievances of Labourers.

Grievance Petitions from Labourers will be accepted from 01-09-2021 to 05-09-2021.

All pending Petitions of Labourers will be settled from 06-09-2021 to 16-09-2021.

The Department of Labour serves as the backbone of the Labourers and is always ready to address their needs.

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